Smoking in trains

2716. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in boggies of train smoking is not allowed but passengers are always smoking in trains;

(b) if so, the number of passengers caught smoking in boggies and fined during the last one year, till date and the action taken against them; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Some cases of passengers smoking in trains even after prohibition of smoking in railway coaches have come to notice. However, no statistics of the same is maintained centrally. Smoking in all public places including railway premises has been made a punishable offence. Persons detected violating the norms are dealt with as per relevant provisions of the law. Travelling public are educated through publicity campaign in various media and by displaying notices in station premises and coaches.

Electrification of Jaipur-Swai Madhopur rail line

†2717. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether electrification of Jaipur Sawai Madhopur rail line is under consideration;

(b) if so, by when the work would commence and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the transport capacity of railway would get increased as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.